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### **Mining industry remains WA's biggest economic contributor**

Exports from Western Australia increased from a total value of \$83 billion in 2009-10 to \$112 billion in 2010-11, according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

Iron ore saw the biggest increase, from \$34 billion being exported in 2009-10 to \$57 billion in 2010-11. China continued to be the state's biggest export recipient during this period.

The mining industry remained a cornerstone of the local economy, making up 28% of the state's production.

Western Australian residents also saw an increase in their weekly earnings during this period. Male earnings increased by \$164 and female earnings increased by a smaller \$62.

The state's Health Care and Social Assistance industry grew significantly, employing 17,800 more people in 2010-11 than in 2009-10.

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